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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Military Personnel Division

ATTENTION

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SUBJECT

: Request for Extension of Tour,

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1. [REDACTED] entered on duty with the Central Intelligence Agency in June 1955. His four year tour will be completed 1 August 1959. During this period, [REDACTED] has participated, either actively or in an advisory capacity, in all covert operations conducted by this organization. He has an exceptionally good understanding of air policy, over-all requirements and mission planning.

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2. As you know, an Air Force officer selected for assignment to CIA must go through an initial breaking-in period, such as training and indoctrination. After this period the individual must develop contacts, learn policy and generally get to know the Agency. In addition, an important factor, economy, must be considered. Transferring and training personnel for new assignments in each case costs several thousand dollars; thus the Air Force and other branches of the military are leaning toward extended tours with various units.

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3. The job being performed by [REDACTED] is commensurate with an Air Operations job in the Air Force, and he has been selected for promotion to Major in March 1959.

4. It is requested that [REDACTED] be extended with this Agency until 1 August 1960. Even though this extension will constitute a 5-year tour with the Agency, I strongly recommend an exception be made in this case to permit this activity to have the benefit of his unique qualifications at a time when they are needed most urgently. [REDACTED] concurs with this request.

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